

## MESCALERO TRIBE

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Mescalero, New Mexico 8834



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Wendy R. Dixon
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Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office
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North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307

Dear Ms. Dixon:

This letter is in regards to your letter dated August 6, 1999 regarding a Draft EIS for the Geological Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D). Thank you for providing the Mescalero Apache Tribe the opportunity to comment on the above mentioned project.

Currently. the Mescalero Apache Tribe has no concerns with your proposed project.

Nevada does not fall within the boundaries of the aboriginal homelands of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Again, thank you for providing the Tribe the opportunity to comment. We look forward to consultation and commenting on future DOE undertakings.

Sincerely,

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Donna McFadden

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc:

Ms. Sara Misquez, President Mescalero Apache Tribe